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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING
Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District
4 June, 2020

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick Normington, at 6:00 P.M. on 4 June, 2020, in the CSCD conference room.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Randy Brumfield, Ty Cooper, & Jim Donnell (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: Josh Edwards (Board) and Brenda Maulden
- D. Others in Attendance: Josh Hawley (CSCD Superintendent) plus 6 guests.
- E. *Randy Brumfield moved to approve the Minutes of the 7 May, 2020, meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Sunny Leerkamp seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. (6:05 P.M.) FREEHOLDER CONCERNS :
1. Josh & Bethany Wolf were in attendance to clarify and seek approval of their Dredging Request Application for lots G54 & G55 (8258 Aspen Drive), circulated electronically in May. Several other persons related to the application, including the dredging company, J. Rollins, were in attendance. After lengthy discussion regarding the dredging rules of the CSCD as they relate to this application the following was agreed to by all parties:
 - Excavation of original lakebed is prohibited (only loose sediment can be removed)
 - No change to original shoreline is allowed
 - Application cannot be approved for persons other than the current, legal owner of said property (Wolf's close on the property in 18 hours)
- Ty Cooper moved to recommend tentative approval of this Dredging Request, pending proof of ownership of the property, for the Wolf (soon-to-be) freeholders, provided close monitoring of the project by the CSCD Building Compliance Officer is assured to ensure compliance with the rules of the CSCD. Randy Brumfield seconded. The motion to approve passed unanimously.***
2. Mr. Jeremy Rollins, owner of Rollins Dredging, requested a more streamlined process for dredging applications be instituted by CSCD so that the applications can be processed and approved more efficiently, in the interest of saving freeholder money and time. The ECOLOGY Commission agreed to work with the BUILDING Commission and the Conservancy Manager to make the process more efficient.
 3. Since Dredging Applications were raised by freeholders in attendance, several new Dredging Request Applications were considered by the Commission before moving on to Old Business:
 - ***Ty Cooper moved to approve the Dredging Application Request submitted by John Bartley at Lot WS 531 (6233 Bobwhite Drive) as submitted. Randy Brumfield seconded. The motion to recommend approval passed unanimously.***
 - ***The Dredging Application Request submitted by James Suttner at Lot J 14 & J 15 (7307 Centerlake Road) was "tabled" pending further clarification of actual dredging needs.***
 - ***Jim Donnell moved to approve the Dredging Application Request submitted by Karissa Groves and Steve Blackburn at Lot J 48 (7702 Centerlake Road) as submitted. Sunny Leerkamp seconded. The motion to recommend approval passed unanimously.***
- G. OLD BUSINESS :
1. (6:50 P.M.) **REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Josh)**: Josh's update covered progress reports on projects of interest to ECOLOGY including: status of several CSCD-owned coffer dams needing repair after the "100 year flood" in March; the status of hiking trail # 6; and the completed re-decking of the old shelter house at Sweetwater Beach. There was also an update on pending dam repairs at Cordry Lake and a report that Aquatic Control had completed their initial treatment of aquatic weeds in both lakes on 2 June, with follow-up treatment of American pondweed scheduled for 22 June.
- (OVER >>>)**
2. (6:55 P.M.) **DREDGING POLICY & PROCEDURE** : It was agreed that ECOLOGY's input into any revision of Dredging Permit Applications must include 3 "red flag" requirements:
 - ***Alteration of shorelines is to be prohibited***

- *Alteration of original lake bottoms is to be prohibited*
- *Sediment removed by dredgers is to be deposited in locations approved specifically by the CSCD Superintendent.*

Rick Normington agreed to research how the CSCD can measure and determine what constitutes “the original lake bottoms” of our two lakes.

3. (7:00 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT** : No new information to provide.

H. **NEW BUSINESS** (7:05 P.M.) :

1. **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS:**

- a. Jim Donnellis introduced a freeholder proposal to add Pickleball Courts to the already in-place Basketball Court at Centerlake Park. Josh Hawley indicated that there is sufficient funding in this year’s ECOLOGY budget for Parks and Recreation to accomplish this proposal this year. Therefore, after discussion:
Jim Donnellis moved to approve the expenditure of not more than \$1,500 to add stripes (of a different color) to the basketball court to lay out two(2) side-by-side pickleball courts perpendicular to the existing basketball court, and to procure a storage container of some sort for the storage of various pickleball nets, paddles and balls that will be purchased by the newly formed “Pickleball Club,” in accordance with the proposal submitted by freeholder Brenda Green. Sunny Leerkamp seconded. The motion to recommend approval passed unanimously.
- b. Rick Normington reported that our Community Hunt Access Program (CHAP) Grant to fund this year’s deer hunt is still awaiting Indiana DNR consideration and approval.
- c. Randy Brumfield announced a special **Angler’s Club-conducted** Fishing Tournament scheduled for TUESDAY, 23 June, from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. **to benefit Jimmy Green and his family**, who tragically lost their CSCD home recently to fire. **SWEETWATER REALTY** will serve as the **Title Sponsor** with a significant financial contribution toward the Green Family Benefit. All \$25 entry fees (per angler) will go to the Jimmy Green family. Co-Sponsors will fund Fishing Award prizes and Raffle Award prizes as indicated: 1st Place (\$150) by **Rusty’s Animal Control**; 2nd Place (\$100) by **Steve Herald Construction Co.**; 3rd Place (\$50) by **Carrie Vavul Carpenter Realty**; and raffle prize money provided by **Carrie Vavul, Loos Family Monuments, Dave’s Electrical, and Co-Alliance Propane.**

2. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS** : None

3. (7:25 P.M.) **FY 2021 ECOLOGY BUDGET PLANNING WORKSHOP** (*Jim*): The Commission reviewed and discussed, at length, the prioritization of all highly recommended (“A” Priority) Actions to be taken to address the various Ecological Issues identified this year in the CSCD by Commission members. The list of priorities was finalized and will be submitted to the Conservancy Manager and CSCD Board of Directors to be considered for the FY 2021 CSCD Budgeting process, soon to get underway.
4. The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, 2 July, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

I. **ADJOURNMENT:** ***Rick Normington moved to adjourn the June meeting of the Ecology Commission. Ty Cooper seconded. The motion passed.*** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

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